

Transylvania

Pre-Reading

A. Warm-Up Questions

- 1 Who is Count Dracula?
- 2 Who is Prince Charles?
- 3 Is Transylvania a real place?



B. Vocabulary Preview

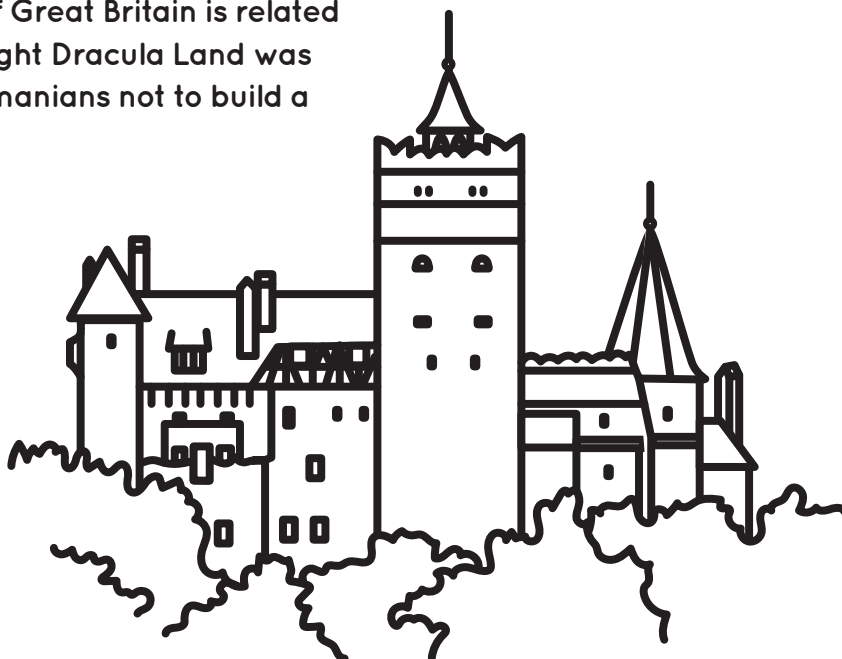
Match up as many words and meanings as you can. Check this exercise again after seeing the words in context on page 2.

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| _____ 1 fictional | (a) a person in a fictional story |
| _____ 2 character | (b) a son of a king or queen |
| _____ 3 prince | (c) to think something is true |
| _____ 4 believe | (d) a country's money and resources |
| _____ 5 economy | (e) not true, made up |

Reading

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- 1 Did you know that Dracula's castle is in Transylvania? Count Dracula is a vampire. He is **fictional**. Bram Stoker wrote a novel about this **character**. He based Dracula on a real **prince** from Transylvania named "Vlad the Impaler."
- 2 Transylvania is a real place in Romania. Its name means "the land beyond the forests." There is a famous castle there called Bran Castle. It is in the Carpathian Mountains. Many tourists **believe** this was Prince Vlad's castle in the 15th century. They call it "Dracula's Castle." This is a myth.
- 3 Prince Vlad's real home is at the top of a hill in the Transylvanian Alps. There are a hundred steps to the top. It fell apart long ago. Romanians hope to fix it up one day. Some wanted to build "Dracula Land." They thought a tourist attraction would help Romania's **economy**.
- 4 Did you know that Prince Charles of Great Britain is related to Prince Vlad? Prince Charles thought Dracula Land was a bad idea. He helped convince Romanians not to build a theme park in Transylvania.



Comprehension

Discuss these questions in pairs, and write the answers below.

1 Who is Bram Stoker?

2 Where do tourists go to see "Dracula's Castle"?

3 Is Vlad the Impaler fictional or real?

4 Why don't tourists visit Prince Vlad's real castle?

5 What did Prince Charles do?

Bonus Question

Can you guess when the most popular time to visit Transylvania is?

- ☐ Halloween
- ☐ Bram Stoker's birthday
- ☐ the anniversary of Prince Vlad's death
- ☐ New Year's Eve

Practice

A. Odd One Out

Look at the three words in each list. Two words in each list are related. Circle the one that doesn't belong.

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|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Count Dracula
tourists
vampire | 3 novel
story
mountains | 5 beyond
economy
money |
| 2 character
believe
fictional | 4 prince
castle
forest | |

B. Word Jumble

Read the clues and try to unscramble the words.

#	Clue	Scrambled	Unscrambled
1	past, after, far away	yonbed	
2	to think something is true	vielbee	
3	Bran is an example of this	stacel	
4	a person in fiction	rhercacta	
5	a country's management of its money	coneymo	

Listening

Listen to a recording of this reading.

Fill in the gaps. Listen again and check your answers.

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